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**SUMMARY FOR 10-08-07 THROUGH 11-04-07**

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Our mission is to do everything in our power to help make the BID areas a safe and enjoyable place to visit, do business, and to live. To this end, we continue to identify, reach out to, and then utilize every resource that is available to help us achieve this goal. During this process, we have met many good-willed people, from many different agencies and groups that share our basic goals. Towards this end, I, and members of my management team, attended various CPAB, LAPD Supervisors, and other meetings during this period.

We continue to work closely with the various outreach groups. Our close relationship with the Church of the Blessed Sacrament had enabled us to get jackets and sweatshirts from them during this period. We in turn were able to deliver these to some needy and cold people living on the streets. Our goal is not to enable these people to live this unhealthy and dangerous lifestyle, but rather to build a positive rapport with them. Although we are still in a learning process, we have found that this rapport is a necessary first step in convincing people to consider leaving life on the streets.

In removing a long term homeless person from our streets, we can help to greatly improve the quality of their lives. It also improves the quality of life in the BID area as this person is no longer a suspect or victim of crime, sleeping in doorways, panhandling, or using our sidewalks as a rest room.

We continue to work with and utilize the services of PATH. We call on them on a regular basis now asking them to respond and speak with various homeless people that we have identified and are in need of help. Although clearly short on resources, they have made every effort to respond to our calls. They have earned our gratitude as they have assisted many people in need in our areas.

We were also fortunate enough to have had three members of the new HERO Outreach Team go on a ride along with one of our teams during this period. We were able to take them directly to at least ten people in the BID areas that are in need of immediate help. I believe that this relationship is a great example of what can be done by pooling resources with like-minded people. We can take the counselors directly where they are needed and can provide a safe environment for them to do their out reach. They in turn can provide much needed

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services to these people and even convince them to leave life on the street.

This is a model that we will continue to pursue and more ride alongs are already in the planning stages.

One brief success story involves a man named James Smith. During this reporting period, he approached our Officers on Sunset Blvd. and thanked them. He was homeless and somewhat hopeless. He said our Officers encouraged him to seek help and then connected him with PATH. As a result he now has a California Driver's License, his Commercial truck driving license, a Veteran's Administration card and said he is leaving life on the streets.

PATH did all the hard work is assisting Mr. Smith to get back on his feet. Although we actually did very little, we see our role as being just one part of a team of agencies, businesses, and individuals working to improve the BID areas.

Another success story during this period involves the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services. This is a small agency that enforces various crimes including illegal dumping and vending. After meeting with them they agreed to assist us with the extremely aggressive illegal CD sellers that plague Hollywood Blvd. They sent a six- man undercover team and we assisted them in arresting nine illegal sellers. They have agreed to put the BID areas on their regular schedule for enforcement so we can anticipate further joint actions.

LAPD's SLO Dan Pesqueira also came out during this period and we assisted him and his team with the arrest of another four illegal CD venders. Dan stated that he would be returning for more follow-up enforcement and we will make ourselves available to assist at any time.

We have discussed the issue of illegal vending enforcement with Neighborhood Prosecutor Will Rivera. Based on his opinion, it seems that working with the LAPD and Bureau of Street Services is the best model to address this problem.

**TRENDS:**

Attached is the year to date statistics for both BIDS. These results reflect 44 weeks in the Hollywood BID and 37 weeks in the Sunset BID. The Hollywood BID has a total of 1330 arrests. The Sunset BID has a total of 735 arrests. Combined, the BID's have a total of 2065 arrests.

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After the large volume of arrests we have made, we can now see a pretty clear pattern developing. Alcohol related crime is still by far our largest total accounting for 66% of total arrests. Urinating in public accounts for 12%, misdemeanor drugs 8%, felonies 4%, illegal vending 2%, vandalism, trespass, sidewalk violations, theft, and battery account for another 5% with the remaining 3% being various misdemeanors.

We are continuing to update our computer capabilities so that we can fully utilize our mapping program. This has already been of great value as we are able to track illegal activity through the BID areas. We continue to collect data and will be able to make better use of our resources as we learn more about the time, location, and types of crimes being committed.

Earlier, I mentioned our goal of working with other agencies toward common goals. One of these is the LAPD. We always try to do our work without becoming a burden on their already stretched resources. We are now attending their weekly Supervisors meeting and this is proving to be a great way to keep communications open. This allows us to share information and learn up-to-the-minute crime trends.

In the past, we have made mention of a large group of juveniles and young adults that congregate in the Hollywood and Highland area. We have made numerous arrests of members of this group for crimes such as robbery, assault, drinking in public and drug possession. Near the end of the last reporting period, I was able to present this information at the LAPD Supervisors meeting. I also showed them a video of this group attacking and robbing a female.

Captain Farrell's troops responded in force the next Saturday night making about 29 arrests. I am happy to report that in the weeks after this action, members of this gang have not been seen in force in the area. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the Officers for this fine bit of Police work. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Graffiti is a continuing and frustrating problem. We did make 3 arrests during this period but this is certainly a small fraction of the suspects committing this crime. We continue to photograph graffiti and contact Clean Streets so it can be removed as rapidly as possible. We also forward photographs of gang graffiti to the LAPD Gang Unit. We are considering some possible creative approaches in an effort to more effectively address this issue. This may involve surveillance and the adjusting of our work hours.

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**DEPLOYMENT:**

During this period, our normal deployment for the Hollywood BID was Monday through Saturday from 6:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. On Sunday, we worked from 10:00 A.M. through 6:30 P.M.

In the Sunset BID, we worked Monday through Saturday with the hours of 12:00 P.M. through 8:30 P.M. On 10-15-07, we added a team working Monday through Friday from 6:00 A.M. through 2:30 P.M. This extra shift will continue until the end of this year. We have one team on Saturday working from 12:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M., and also one team working on Sunday from 10:00 A.M. until 6:30 P.M.

In the first fifteen days of our new Sunset BID 6:00 A.M car, we made 16 arrests, 108 referrals and warnings, made contact with 91 citizens, provided extra patrol to 37 locations, visited 11 businesses, and handled 8 radio calls for service.

**NOTED ARRESTS:**

Felony warrants and Parole violations- 9 arrests

Felony narcotics- 2 arrests

Vandalism-3 arrests (one a gang member)

Illegal vending- 14 arrests (hot dog, ice cream, CD's)

Illegal possession shopping cart- 1 arrest on Tamarind

**TRAINING UPDATE:**

During this period, our Officers received firearms training at our Burbank training facility. They also received in-house report writing and legal update training.

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